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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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25/09/2008: From September 25th until October 4th a team of 6 hams Joerg/DL3NER, Walter/DG5NGJ, Thomas/DG5NGI, Ivo/DL9MB, Heiko/DG8NGI and Hubert/DK9NCX will be active from Montenegro as 4O/homecall. They plan to be QRV on 160-10m using SSB, CW, PSK31, and RTTY. Also activity on 6m and 2m is planned. Antennas: H2-Dipole (H2-rf-engineering.de), ECO-HF8B, INV.-V, 5El./6M and 9EL./2M. The team is doing this DXpedition for the WWW.Stationregenbogen.de, for children who are ill with cancer. So let's try to make them smile. QSL cards will be sent out after the team returns home from Montenegro. You can make a donation for these children by money transfer (see DK9NCX on QRZ.com) or send your card with donation and SASE to DK9NCX direct. QSL other calls via their home call sign. [NG3K]

25/09/2008: LA9DL, LA6VM and LA7XK will be active as JW9DL, JW6VM and JW7XK from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026), Svalbard, September 25-29th. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes, and will take part in the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB) as JW5X. [425 DX News]

26/09/2008: Members of Radio Club Karlovac (9A1CVW) plan to activate Croatian islands and lighthouses located in the IOTA EU-170 group using the call sign 9A1C/p from September 26-28th. Islands planned for activation are: Arta Mala (ACIA-284, IOCA CI-003, MIA MC-007); Arta Vela (ACIA-285, IOCA CI-004, MIA MC-008); Artica Vela (ACIA-287, IOCA CI-294, MIA MC-009, WLOTA LH-0322); Radelj (ACIA-299, IOCA CI-097, MIA MC-331); Zminjak (ACIA-332, IOCA CI-153, MIA MC-477); Obun (ACIA-298, IOCA CI-244, MIA MC-273); Kozina (ACIA-291, IOCA CI-245, MIA MC-176); Maslinjak (ACIA-316, IOCA CI-256, MIA MC-233); Oblik (ACIA-296, IOCA CI-401, MIA MC-266); Obrovanj (ACIA-297, IOCA CI-402, MIA MC-271); Sipnata (ACIA-301, IOCA CI-403, MIA MC-372); Gubavci (IOCA CI-487, MIA MC-124); Prisnjak Mali (ACIA-938, IOCA CI-488, MIA MC-319); Vrtlic (ACIA-961, IOCA CI-651, MIA MC-582); Loncaric (ACIA-292, IOCA CI-652, MIA MC-583); Misine (ACIA-319, IOCA CI-655, MIA MC-586, WLOTA LH-1119); Prisnjak (not IOTA, ACIA-321, IOCA CI-374, WLOTA LH-1492); and Tegina (not IOTA, ACIA-327, IOCA CI-413). They will operate two stations at the same time, but only on 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via 9A1CVW. [9A6AA]

26/09/2008: Andrei, UA3ABR will be active as JT1CA from Mongolia between Septamber 26th and October 2nd. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

26/09/2008: Dave, AH6HY will be active from the island of St. Kitts (NA-104) as V4/AH6HY between September 26 to October 3rd. Activity is planned for 40-10 meter SSB only. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

26/09/2008: Don/W4YCH (ZF2DF) and Jim/W4JO (ZF2JO) will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest as ZF2DF from the ZF1A club station on Grand Cayman (NA-016). Outside the contest (September 26th - October 1st) they will be using their own calls on SSB and CW. QSL all contacts via W4YCH.

[425 DX News]

27/09/2008: Operators Hrane/YT1AD, Dragan/YT3W and Mario/S56A will be QRV as 3V8BB from the Bir-el-Bey, Tunis, club station during the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via YT1AD. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Operators Ashraf and Bilel will be active as 3V8SF from the Scout Radio Club, Sfax City, Tunisia (CQ Zone 33, WW Loc. JM54JU), in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest, as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via IZ8CCW. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Frantisek, OK1DF will be active as 7X0RY from Alger, Algeria, during the CQWW RTTY Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/High-Power entry. QSL direct to OK1DF (Zuzana Rybarova P.O.Box 109 11121 Praha 1 Czech Republic). [kiwi-dx-list]

27/09/2008: Don, N1DG intends to operate from A61AD (United Arab Emirates) around September 27-30th. He expects to be in the CQWW RTTY Contest for a few hours. Don adds that if anyone is desperate for an A6 contact on 20-10m inclusive, to send him an E-mail and he will be happy to try to oblige (CW SSB and RTTY only please). Don's E-mail address is: don@aurumtel.com [OPDX Bulletin]

27/09/2008: Operators IK2QEI, IK1SPR, IK1RQT, IK1HXN, IV3ZXQ and CN8WW will be active from Morocco as CN3A during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or via I2WIJ. [OPDX Bulletin]

27/09/2008: Look for Dej, E21YDP to be active from Bangkok, Thailand, in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via QRZ.com. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Operators Danny/E73M, Boris/E73Y, Edin/E74A and Kula/E74KC will be active from Bosnia-Herzegovina as E73M during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via E73Y or K2PF. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Serge, UR5FEO will be active as ER0FEO from Parkany, Moldova, during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low Power entry. QSL via UU0JM. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Andrei, NP3D will be active as EW1AR during his vacation in Minsk, Belarus, from September 22-29th, including an entry in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest. Before the contest he will be active on all HF bands, all modes, mainly RTTY. His contest activity will be In Memory of Valery Khorkov, EU1MM (SK). QSL via W3HNK, LOTW, or direct to NP3D. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Gilles, F4FGI will be active Sepember 27th as homcall/p from the Mill Keriolet 2 (DMF 29-010), in the city of Cleden cap Sizun (CP 29770), Department Finistere/29 and Province Brittany (DPF 06). Look for activity on 80 and 40 meters. QSL via home call, bureau preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [F5NQL]

27/09/2008: Fran?ois/F5JNE along with Claude/F5MCC will be active September 27th from the Castle of Bard (DFCF 21-074), located in the city of Bard les Epoisses (CP 21460) canton [county] of Semur en Auxois (DDCF 21-33), Department C?te d'Or/21 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). As usual starting around 0600 UTC, 80 and 40 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via bureau preferred to F5JNE and SWL cards are welcome. [F5NQL]

27/09/2008: Chris, MI0LLL will be active from Armagh, Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA LH-1439) as GI5K during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a

Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via MI0LLL. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Look for Ekki/DF4OR, Tilo/DJ5BX, Thomas/DK9FEC, Peter/DL1FX and Rainer/DL1ZBO to be active from Liechtenstein as HB0/DK9FEC during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via DK9FEC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Igor/RN1CR, Konstantin/RN1CX and Andrey/UA1CCO will be active September 27th as homecall/p from the Fortress Koporye (Russian Castle Award reference RC-035). They plan to be QRV 20 and 40 meters (SSB, CW). QSL via home calls. Further information on the Russian Castles Award, plus castle list, can be found at www.rz1cxo.rork.ru/pages/diplom/eng/rca_eng.htm [F5NQL]

27/09/2008: Operators Felix/DF8QB, Andy/LX1DA, Philippe/LX2A, + Team will be active from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, for the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LX2A, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Tomi, OH6EI will be active as OH0Z from Mariehamn, Aland Island (EU-002, also count for WLOTA LH-1373, WW Loc. JP90XI) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry during the SAC SSB Contest (September 27-28th). QSL via W0MM, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Antti, OH8GZN and crew will be QRV in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest from the OH8AA autumn ham camp, Oulu, Finland, using the call sign OH8F, as a MOSR LP or HP entry. [K1XN]

27/09/2008: Jan, OY3JE plans to be QRV from Torshavn, Streymoy Island, Faroe Islands (EU-018), as time permits, in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/High-Power entry. QSL direct (QRZ.com), LoTW or e-QSL. [K1XN]

27/09/2008: Rene, DL2JRM will be active September 27-29th from Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA LH-2975) as TF/DL2JRM/p. QRV CW and SSB on 80m-10m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

27/09/2008: Operators Nick/UR4EN, Alex/UR7EU, Roman/UT5ERP and Igor/UV5EOZ will be QRV from Ordzhonikidze, Ukraine, as UZ4E during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via UR4EYN, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: The Ozark Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W0OMD will set up a portable HF station on Edge Island (Not IOTA, USi MO-014, Cedar County), Stockton Lake, Missouri, on September 27th and will try to make a set number of contacts to qualify the island. Operators mentioned are Mike/KC5MNP and James/KC0TQD. QSL via W0OMD, callbook address. Website at www.w0omd.org/ [USi]

27/09/2008: Members of the Tennessee Valley DX Association (TVDXA) will activate Hatteras Island (NA-067, USi NC-005S, WLOTA LH-3919, Dare County), North Carolina, using the call sign W4PL. W4PL plans on being QRV about 1900z on September 27th and will go QRT October 4th. The group will use 100 Watt transceivers and plan to be active on 80-10 meter HF (SSB, CW with some PSK and RTTY), and 6 meter SSB and CW. Operators mentioned are Barbarra/WA4RMC, Kathy/W4KRY, Lynn/K0MAI, Tom/K4VCM, Greg/WA4NFO, Tommie/K4KWK, Kenny/AB4GG, Charlie/AD4F, Paul/WA4AA, Peter/KB3PGU, Larry/WA4IVO and Virginia/KI4MPK. Non licensed team members include Nancy, xyl of WA4AA and Halyna, xyl of KB3PGU. QSL via K4KWK direct (SASE) or via the Bureau. Further information at:

www.tvdxa.com/ [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Al, WP3C will be active from Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802) during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/Single-Band(40m) entry. QSL via W3HNK. [NG3K]

27/09/2008: Pri, YB0ECT, will be active from Jakarta, island of Java (OC-021, WLOTA LH-1660, WW Loc. OI33JT), Indonesia, during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via K3AIR. [OPDX Bulletin]

27/09/2008: Operators Z31MM, Z32ID, Z35T, Z35X, Z36N, Z36W and possibly others will be active as Z37M during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via Z37M by the bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

27/09/2008: Look for Steve, ZC4LI to be QRV from Dasaki Achnas, Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA LH-0892) during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest, as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. He will be around from the start of the contest but as the band does not usually open here until around 0300z. Steve will be on 160m (1840 kHz, plus or minus 10) for either CW or RTTY contacts from 0001z until 20m opens. QSL direct only, QRZ.com. [kiwi-dx-list]

28/09/2008: Rob, DK1ROB will be active from the isle of Barra (EU-010, IOSA OH-11, SCOTIA HI-02, WW Loc. IO66GX) as MM/DK1ROB between September 28th and October 3rd. QRV SSB, RTTY, maybe PSK63 - sorry, no CW! Antennas planned: Inverted Vee for 40m; 5-band Spiderbeam for 20m-10m at 15m AG; 3-El beam for 6m at 5m AG; Vertical for 2m/70cm. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

28/09/2008: Heiko/DL1RTL (SD7C), Ralf/DH7NO (SM/DH7NO) and Ric/DL2VFR (SD7V) will be active from Sturko Island (EU-138) between September 28th and October 4th. They will operate CW and SSB with 500 watts and vertical antennas. QSL via home calls, direct or via the DARC bureau. [425 DX News]

28/09/2008: Claudio, HB9OAU will be active as SV9/HB9OAU from Crete (EU-015, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA LH-1400) from September 28th to October 3rd. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 meters. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

29/09/2008: Dmitry, RW4WM will be active as 3V8SS from Sousse, Tunisia, between September 29th and October 8th. He plans to operate CW and SSB, with some RTTY. QSL for this operation via RW4WM, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

30/09/2008: Roald, OZ1BLO and Karl, LA8DW will operate SSB, CW and RTTY as JW0EK and JW8DW from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, also count for WLOTA LH-0125) from September 30th to October 6th. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

01/10/2008: Philippe, F4EGS has received his new assignment in the city of Duschambe, Tajikistan. Thanks to Nodir, EY8MM his licence is ready to be picked up when he arrives and hopes to be QRV on October 1st. His stay is scheduled for two months. Activity will be during his spare time from 40 to 10m, with R7 and FT100 (100 Watts), using SSB/RTTY/PSK/CW. Skeds possible to: cocheese37 -at- msn.com. Philippe has also received his first months of 2009 schedule as follows: January and February,

Ivory Coast, city of Abidjan call sign TU/F4EGS. March: Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands, call signs 3B8 and 3B9/F4EGS. May, June, July: Chad with his permanent call sign TT8PK. August: Tunisia, Djerba Island, call sign to be announced, but certainly 3V8SM, (Tunisian Scouts of Djerba ARC). QSL as Philippe's intructions. More information to follow in due time especially about the length of each stay. [F5NQL]

01/10/2008: Syl, F5TLN will be active from south-Lebanon between October 2008 to February 2009. He will use OD5/F5TLN on all HF bands, using SSB and sometimes CW. QSL via home call, direct preferred (Sylvain Bertrand, 14 Rue du Champ Saint Pierre, 55100 Verdun, FRANCE) bureau OK. Syl's website can be found at f5tln.site.voila.fr/ [F5TLN]

02/10/2008: Mike, DB1JAW, will be active as 7W0JAW (or 7X/DB1JAW) from Bou-Saada and possibly other locations in the Algerian Sahara, October 2-14th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, but with a focus on 20/17/12 meters using SSB and PSK31. QSL only direct to DB1JAW; he is no longer a member of DARC. SAE is not required as Mike prints computerized envelopes. [OPDX Bulletin]

02/10/2008: Joeke, PA0VDV, will be active as PJ2/PA0VDV from the island of Curacao (SA-006, also count for WLOTA LH-0942), October 2-19th. Activity will be CW only. QSL via his home callsign, by the bureau or direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

02/10/2008: Toshi, JA8BMK is expected to depart Sapporo on September 30th to Fiji (3D2) and fly from there to Tarawa Atoll, Western Kiribati (OC-017). His expected arrival is on October 2nd. Ships travel to Central Kiribati (T31) run about every 30-45 days, so while waiting to traveling to T31 (Kanton Island (OC-043) mentioned), Toshi will be active as T30XX for an unknown period of time. Equipment has already been shipped and waiting in T30. His equipment includes: Yaesu VLA-1000, TL933, 3 Generators, Yagi Antenna, Vertical antenna, Tent and Toyota van. He is also carrying additional equipment including an IC-7000, FT-897D and a HL-1.2KFX (Tokyo High Power). Toshi operates on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. He will concentrate on EU and USA openings on the lower bands and the 30/17/12 meter bands. If possible, he will try to go Nauru (C21) and Banaba Island (T33). Because of long intervals between the boats to T31, he may be on the Tarawa Atoll for 2-3 months. Donations to assist in this long DXpedtion are appreciated. QSL via JA8UWT. [OPDX Bulletin]

03/10/2008: Members of the GyeongNam DX Club (6M0W), Lee/HL5BMX, Choi/6K5AQY, Kim/6K5AYC and Ha/6K5BHZ will be active as 6M0W/4 from Paegya Island (AS-060) between 0100z October 3rd to 1300z October 5th. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via HL5BMX, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

03/10/2008: Han/DS2GOO and his XYL will be taing a trip to Cheju Island (AS-026, WLOTA LH-0686), October 3-5th. Look for Han to sign DS2GOO/4 and be active on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digitals modes during his local evening hours. QSL via his home call sign. [OPDX Bulletin]

03/10/2008: Operators Simon/DS1MRF, Yoo/DS1NPP, Lee/DS4NMJ, Lim/DS5EVU, Hook/DS5LRJ and Joy/6K5TET will be active October 3-5th as DT0HH/2 from Yonghung Island (AS-105). QSL via DS3FGV, direct (Yang Ki Sek Yang Sekki, PO Box 40, Asan City, 336-600 South Korea) or by the bureau.

[rsgbiota.org]

03/10/2008: Operators Cory/N1WON and Ken/KF4U will be doing a casual operation from 'Radio Reef', St. Croix (USi VI-002S, WLOTA LH-2477, WW Loc. FK77PR), U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) as KP2/homecall from October 3-10th. Cory reports that they will pay particular attention to the 17 and 12 meter bands. QSL via their home callsigns or N1WON via LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) Website for updated CQ WW DX RTTY Contest activity at: ng3k.com/Misc/cqr2008.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

04/10/2008: Aki, JR1VAY will be active as AH2J from Barrigada, Guam (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064), October 4-6th. He will also take part in the Oceania DX SSB Contest (October 4-5th). QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [NG3K]

04/10/2008: Ben, DO1BEN will once again be active as OZ/DO1BEN from Lolland Island (EU-029, SJ-015 for Danish Islands Award), October 4-11th. He will be active on all HF bands with vertical antennas for 10-40m and dipole antennas for 40 and 80 meters, running 100 Watts. A homebrew vertical for 20 meters will also be used. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

05/10/2008: The Sardinia QRP Club (IS QRP), IQ0QP will be active October 5th for the yearly Billy IS0ICE Memorial Day contest. Activity will be QRP only, using CW and SSB. This operation will count for IOTA EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035 and WLOTA LH-1608. Further information about the club and this contest can be found at www.sardiniaqrp.com/ [IS0VSU]

25/10/2008: Operators Rich/DK8YY, Ingolf/DL4JS, Jens-Uwe/DL8ALU, Sigi/DL8AKI and Frank/DL1WA will be QRV from Senegal as 6V7M for the CQWW SSB contest (October 25-26th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via DH7WW, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Operators Paul/VE2PGI, Raphael/VE2CVI and Sebastien/VE2GTZ will be active from Sept-Isles, Quebec (Zone 2), as VA2ZM during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Notes: 3el, tower 43ft, slopper 160m, HF2V, SB-220 amplifier. QSL via VA2ZM direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

26/11/2008: John/K4BAI, Jeff/KU8E, Don/W4OC, and Kirk/K4RO will operate the CQ WW CW DX Contest (November 29-30th) in a multi-op category from PJ4A, on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279), Netherlands Antilles from the K2NG/PJ4G rental QTH. Outside the contest, look for the ops to be QRV as PJ4/homecalls. QSL all five calls via K4BAI. E-mail requests for bureau cards will be accepted. All but PJ4/KU8E will be QRV November 26th to December 3rd. KU8E will QRT December 2nd to return home. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

25/09/2008: Celebrating the last flag-lowering ceremony that will take place on September 30th, special event station II1ADV will be active from the Italian Navy frigate "Carabiniere" September 25-30th. Expect SSB, CW and PSK activity from 0800 to 1700 UTC. QSL via I1SAF, bureau preferred. Information on the relevant award can be found at

www.assoradiomarinai.tk/ [425 DX News]

26/09/2008: Look for special event station GB2AF to be aired from London between September 26-28th. The event celebrates 100 years of radio from 23 Rosendale Road, Dulwich, South London. From 1908 to 1914, a teacher at Dulwich College, Alfred Rickard Taylor, 2AF, lived at that address and transmitted from there. He was a wireless pioneer and early member of RSGB. In 1914 the house was bought by the father of the present owner, Gerry Wells. Gerry developed a passion for radio which has lasted to this day, and the house today is given over entirely to the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum. See bvwm.org.uk/. Anyone who is interested in radio will be overwhelmed by the contents of the Museum. It is not open to the public but the collection can be viewed by prior arrangement. CVRS members will be able to come and go over the three days, but others will have to make prior arrangements to visit, details are on the website. [GB2RS]

26/09/2008: Special event station GB6VMR will be active September 26th for the Vintage Machinery Rally at Richmond in North Yorkshire. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [GB2RS]

27/09/2008: Dorando Pietri, became an international celebrity for not winning the marathon at the 1908 Summer Olympics held in London. After his dramatic finish and eventual disqualification for receiving outside aid, he became "the one who won, and lost victory". Celebrating the centenary of that incredible marathon, special event callsign II4DP will be aired from Carpi, Dorando's hometown, between September 27th and October 12th. QSL via bureau or direct to IK4JPN (c/o ARI Carpi, P.O. Box 311, 41012 Carpi - MO, Italy). [425 DX News]

27/09/2008: The special event station GB2STI (Steam Trains Ireland) will be operating 'Railways On The Air' the weekend commencing Saturday 27th September, from the excursion platform of the Railway Preservation society of Ireland, Whitehead, County Antrim. They intend to operate 80/40/20m and will also have a 2m multimode station on air. The station will be operated by members and friends of the Antrim & District Amateur Radio Society as part of the celebrations of the first steam passenger train to operate in the British isles. A special QSL cxard is available for all contacts made during the event via the QSL manager GI0KPF. Details on QRZ.com. [Southgate ARC]

27/09/2008: Brickfields Amateur Radio Society will be participating in the Railways On The Air Weekend on September 27th and 28th. They will be operating from the Island Steam Railway at Havenstreet Railway Station on the Isle of Wight and will be active mainly on the 80 and 40 meter HF bands under the call sign GB4HSR. QSL cards will be sent via the bureau or direct on request via the club call sign GX0BAR. Also over the weekend of September 27-28th for Railways on the Air, will see GB0HBL from the Helton Branch Line, GB6PDR from the Paignton Dartmouth Railways and GB3WLR from the West Lancs Railways. [GB2RS]

27/09/2008: Special event station GB2TX will be on the air for Transmission from Holt in Norfolk and GB8CCC from Crynant Community Centre on September 27th. The same day will see GB4CHC transmitting from Crewe Heritage Centre. [GB2RS]

28/09/2008: On the occasion of the Charles de Gaulle memorial opening festivities, in Colombey les Deux Eglises (WW Loc. JN28KC), the

Haute-Marne area hams (Department 52) will be active as TM0CDG, between September 28th to October 12th. Operators include Alain/F0DHH, Dominique/F0EGY, Alex/F1PZY, Gerard/F4EEH, Julien/F4EEI, Jean-Marie/F6CHU and Pierre/F6IRM. Activities are scheduled on all HF bands, and maybe 6, 2 and up, all modes, including SSTV. Website at tm0cdg.free.fr/ (French language). QSL via bureau to F6KTR. [F5NQL]

01/10/2008: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during October 2008 will be:
GX4BJC /A & GX4BJC /P - Operated /A from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager). (/A WAB Square = TM22-ESX & IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A & MX1SWL /P - Operated /A from Hartford, in Cambridgeshire, by Tom - G3RPV. (/A WAB Square = TL27-CBE & IOTA = EU-005).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc
NO LOTW!
ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk for full details.
eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/10/2008: Members of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club (NA8SA) in Cleveland, Ohio, will be active daily (2200-0500z) between October 1-6th. Activity is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of NASA operations. Suggested frequencies are: 14280, 7280, 3880 and 1880 kHz. QSL via: NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club Lewis Field, 21000 Brookpark Rd, MS 8-1, Cleveland, OH 44135-3191. Their Web page is at: www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/Clubs/NA8SA [OPDX Bulletin]

03/10/2008: Look for special event station 8J1I to be aired October 1st through November 9th to celebrate the 23rd National Cultural Festival Ibaraki 2008. Expect activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/10/2008: Special event station 8J1SOKA will be active between October 1st and November 30th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Soka-city. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL QSL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/10/2008: Special event station PA08DWN will be aired October 3-4th on 40 and 20 meter CW from the original radio station of the sea tug "Elbe". Since 2002, 60 volunteers having been working to restore this 1959 tug boat to its original state. It was the strongest tugs from its time and will now become a sailing museum ship. The ship lies in the port of Maasluis, 20 km from the port city Rotterdam. QSL via operator's instructions. [UBA HF News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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SIX METERS & UP -

23/09-29/09 VP5/N2VW: Providenciales 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W M2-7el @ 10m QSL HC (d/b)

23/09-29/09 VP5/W2WAS: Providenciales 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W M2-7el @ 10m QSL HC (d/b)

23/09-29/09 VP5/WA2VYA: Providenciales 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W M2-7el @ 10m QSL HC (d/b)

24/09-28/09 IA5IG: Giglio Island EU-028 6M Grid:JN52KI 50.098CW, 50.160USB QSL IZ1DSH (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DG5NGI: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DG5NGJ: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DG8NGI: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DK9NCX: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DL3NER: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/09-04/10 40/DL9MB: Montenegro 6M 100W 5el 100W, 2M 100W 9el yagi QSL HC (d/b)

27/09-04/10 W4PL: Hatteras Island, NC NA-067 Grid:FM25 6M 100W SSB/CW QSL K4KWK (d/b)

28/09-03/10 MM/DK1ROB: Isle of Barra EU-010 6M 3el at 5m, 2m/70cm vertical QSL HC (d/b)

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS (Updated September 24, 2008) at: www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

25/09-29/09 JW6VM: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA6VM (d/b)
25/09-29/09 JW7XK: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA7XK (d/b)
25/09-29/09 JW9DL: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA9DL (d/b)
26/09-28/09 VE7IG/9: Miscou Island WLH:VE-106, WLOL:CAN-320, WLOTA:0262 QSL HC (d)
26/09-01/10 ZF2DF: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL W4YCH (d/b)
27/09-28/09 GI5K: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL MI0LLL (d/b)
27/09-29/09 TF/DL2JRM/P: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL HC (d/b)
27/09-04/10 W4PL: Hatteras Island WLOTA:3919 QSL K4KWK (d/b)
27/09-28/09 WP3C: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA 2802 QSL W3HNK (d/b)
27/09-28/09 YB0ECT: Java WLOTA:1660 QSL K3AIR (QRZ.com)
27/09-28/09 ZC4LI: Cyprus (UK Souvereign Bases) WLOTA:0892 QSL QRZ.com
28/09-03/10 SV9/HB9OAU: Nisos Kriti (Crete Isl) WLOTA:1400 QSL HC (d/b)
30/09-06/10 JW0EK: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL OZ1BLO (d/b)
30/09-06/10 JW8DW: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA8DW (d/b)
02/10-19/10 PJ2/PA0VDV: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
03/10-05/10 DS2GOO/4: Cheju Do WLOTA:0686 QSL HC (d/b)
03/10-10/10 KP2/KF4U: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
03/10-10/10 KP2/N1WON: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)

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QSL INFO -

QSLs received Bureau - 5Z4/9A3A, EI6IZ, FY5KE, OE3GCU, RK23FWA (via DK4VW), SP1PEA (via SP1NQF), SY8JZ (via LZ1JZ).

QSLs received Direct - 3DA0OK (via M3SDE), 9M4SEB (via M3SDE), 9M6XRO/p (via M3SDE), A25OOK (via M3SDE), C31CT (via EA3QS), C91SL (via W5SL), C91XO (via M3SDE), CY?X (via VE3IKV), HQ8R, HS?ZED, P41USA (via W3TEF), P49T (via W3TEF), VK3AAL/3 [OC-136], XR7A [SA-043], XR7W [SA-053].

QSLs received LoTW - A61AJ, C91SL, G6YB, IT9PKO, S51TA, S57A, S59ABC, Z32XX, ZD8LII.

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BITS & PIECES -

BENIN:

Serge, F6AML has QRT under TY6A call sign today (September 23) at 1109 utc The last station logged is Darek/SP7TES on 18 MHz QSL via F6AML, either direct (see QRZ.com) or via the French bureau to F6AML/REF77. [F5NQL]

MAURITANIA:

Jean/5T0JL, the last regularly Mauritanian Ham licensee, and still staying in Mauritania, expects to be active again soon. His station is setlled and he is putting the finishes to the multiband antenna. First it will be a G5RV. [F5NQL]

MAURITIUS & RODRIQUES:

The next October dxpedition to Mauritius and Rodrigues by Jose/ON4LAC had to be postponed. Jose has suffered an unforeseen surgery. Jose?s 3B8/3B9 expedition is now scheduled in next March/April of 2009. We wish Jose a quick recover. [F5NQL]

M6 CALLSIGNS - NOT PIRATES!

M6 callsigns are now appearing on the bands from the UK.

The Novice callsigns in the M3 range have been used up, so new Novices are being issued with M6 callsigns.

UK Country variations apply, so M6 = England. MW6 = Wales, MM6 = Scotland, MI6 = Northern Ireland etc etc, in the same way as all other UK callsigns are allocated. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

CHINA TO HOLD FIRST 'HAMVENTION':

The WIA reports that China is set to hold its very first hamvention.

The Chinese Radio Sports Association is to hold the first ever 'Hamvention' in Southern Anhui Province at the famous tourist region called Huangshan or in English, Yellow Mountain.

The Hamvention will span a full 5 days and cover subjects like Amateur Radio Today in China, EME and show Amateur Radio related movies throughout.

There will be competitions and a station operating throughout under the call sign BY6HS.

There will be technical sessions and one of VK's IRLP Gurus, Mike VK8ZMA, will be giving a short talk on IRLP in Australia and take questions and answers from the guests on Australian Amateur Radio.

Mike is stationed in China in the city of Shouxian in Central Eastern China for all of 2008 with the Australian Bureau of Meteorology on a joint American/Chinese/Australian project operated by the Atmospheric Radiation Monitoring unit of the US Department of Energy.

Mike has almost completed the extensive processing required to be issued with a Chinese callsign and is planning to report to WIA National News after the event which has attracted a lot of interest within the relatively small Amateur Radio fraternity out of China's massive 1.3 billion population.

The Hamvention concludes with a tour of the famous Yellow Mountain on the final day.

The Hamvention commences on Monday the 29th September and concludes on Friday the 3rd of October 2008. [QRZ.com]

CLIPPERTON DX CLUB:

The Clipperton DX Club has awarded also the Merit of the CDXC medal to: Michel, F3IV [F5NQL]

Frosty, K5LBU is working on a DXpedition to Lesotho in 2009.
The dates will be 29th July till the 12th of August.
Am looking for some good operators to come along.
www.k5lbu.com
281-682-6093 Cell
www.radio-amateur-ring.com/forum/

CHINESE SPACE LAUNCH:

China's Shenzhou 7 spacecraft carrying a 3-man crew lifted off today from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center and is now in Earth orbit. During the upcoming three-day mission, Chinese astronauts, called taikonauts, will launch a small satellite and conduct their country's first space walk. As they orbit Earth, Shenzhou 7 and the body of the rocket that launched it will be visible to the naked eye from many parts of the globe. Check the Satellite Tracker for viewing times: http://spaceweather.com/flybys .
(Note: Frequent checks are recommended; predictions may change as the orbit is adjusted and estimates of orbital elements improve.)
[Spaceweather.com]

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD

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